

## Onion Acreage

**UTAH:** Summer storage onion acreage for 2002 is estimated at 2,100 planted acres, 100 acres less than last year and 400 acres less than 2000.

**UNITED STATES: Total planted onion** acreage for all seasons in 2002 is forecast at 170,850 acres, a gain of 2 percent from last year. **Spring Onions** will be harvested from 38,500 acres in 2002, up 6 percent from last year. Georgia and Texas combined production is forecast at 7.62 million cwt, 6 percent above last year. **Summer non-storage** onion planted acreage, at 21,900 acres, is up 1 percent, while total summer onion acreage, at 131,350 acres, is up 2 percent from the previous year.

## Potato Stocks

April 1, 2002 potato stocks totaled 129 million cwt, down 16 percent from 2001 but less than 1 percent above two years ago. Potatoes in storage account for 33 percent of the fall storage States' production, unchanged from a year ago.

Disappearance from the start of harvest to April 1, at 265 million cwt, is down 13 percent from the 2000 crop and 9 percent below two years ago. This is the lowest disappearance since 1993. March disappearance of 38.9 million cwt is down 12 percent from a year ago and 6 percent below 2000. Shrink and loss to this point in the season is 22.9 million cwt, down 31 percent from last year and 17 percent below two years ago.

Processing of 2001 crop potatoes totaled 131 million cwt to April 1, down 13 percent from the 2000 crop and 11 percent below two years ago. In March, processors used 16.9 million cwt of potatoes, 15 percent below a year ago and 18 percent below two years ago.

Western States held 95.9 million cwt of potatoes in storage on April 1, 2002, down 19 percent from last year and 1 percent below 2000. Idaho's potato stocks are down 14 percent from a year ago, while Washington is down 15 percent and Oregon is off 37 percent. Colorado's stocks are down 29 percent and Montana's fell 14 percent short of a year ago. California's potato holdings are down 85 percent from a year ago.

**Note:** Stocks are defined as the quantity (whether sold or not) remaining in storage for all purposes and uses, including seed potatoes not yet moved, and shrinkage, waste, and other losses that occur after the date of each report. Sales of fall potatoes for all purposes for the past 5 years averaged 90.6 percent of the total fall production. Shrinkage, loss and home use account for the remaining 9.4 percent. Most seed for use the following crop year is on hand and remains part of stocks until moved or planted.

## Monthly Milk Production

**Milk production** in the 20 major States during March totaled 12.8 billion pounds, up 3.2 percent from March 2001. February revised production, at 11.4 billion pounds, was up 2.3 percent from February 2001. The February revision represented a decrease of 0.5 percent or 56 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. **Production per cow** in the 20 major States averaged 1,650 pounds for March, 51 pounds above March 2001. **The number of cows** on farms in the 20 major States was 7.75 million head, 2,000 head more than March 2001, and 1,000 head more than February 2002.

## Quarterly Milk Production

**UTAH:** Milk production during the first quarter of 2002 totaled 397 million pounds, up 1 percent from the same quarter of 2001. The number of milk cows during the January-March quarter averaged 92,000 head, 1,000 less than the first quarter of 2001. Milk per cow was 4,315 pounds, up 78 pounds from the previous year.

**UNITED STATES:** The quarterly production of milk for the U.S. was 42.3 billion pounds, 2.4 percent above the January-March period last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the January-March quarter was 9.11 million head, 38,000 head less than the same period last year.

### Milk Cows and Production: By State and United States Preliminary January-March, 2001-2002

State	Jan-Mar Milk Cows <sup>1/</sup>		Jan-Mar Milk Production <sup>2/</sup>		Change From 2001
	2001	2002	2001	2002	
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Percent
AL	22	20	86	79	-8.1
AK	1.1	1.2	3.41	4.02	17.9
AZ	140	140	753	796	5.7
AR	36	33	117	107	-8.5
CA	1,568	1,626	8,097	8,450	4.4
CO	90	95	483	513	6.2
CT	26	24	120	116	-3.3
DE	9.0	9.0	39.0	38.3	-1.8
FL	155	152	680	651	-4.3
GA	86	85	388	395	1.8
HI	7.6	6.8	27.7	24.1	-13.0
ID	357	381	1,817	1,949	7.3
IL	117	115	519	530	2.1
IN	151	152	636	643	1.1
IA	214	208	965	956	-0.9
KS	94	99	400	470	17.5
KY	128	123	425	432	1.6
LA	55	52	184	172	-6.5
ME	37	38	159	164	3.1
MD	82	81	327	333	1.8
MA	21	20	89	90	1.1
MI	303	295	1,434	1,456	1.5
MN	518	493	2,306	2,203	-4.5
MS	36	34	145	139	-4.1
MO	148	139	507	513	1.2
MT	19	18	84	84	
NE	75	68	306	283	-7.5
NV	25	25	119	118	-0.8
NH	18	18	80	84	5.0
NJ	15	13	60	56	-6.7
NM	261	291	1,302	1,508	15.8
NY	670	676	2,854	3,016	5.7
NC	68	65	299	298	-0.3
ND	46	41	156	148	-5.1
OH	263	260	1,070	1,137	6.3
OK	90	88	326	328	0.6
OR	90	105	393	480	22.1
PA	603	584	2,726	2,720	-0.2
RI	1.4	1.4	5.9	5.8	-1.7
SC	22	20	101	100	-1.0
SD	100	98	393	402	2.3
TN	94	90	355	350	-1.4
TX	338	310	1,388	1,388	
UT	93	92	394	397	0.8
VT	153	154	652	678	4.0
VA	118	120	482	495	2.7
WA	247	247	1,335	1,368	2.5
WV	16	16	61	62	1.6
WI	1,311	1,278	5,603	5,526	-1.4
WY	4.6	4.5	15.2	15.8	3.9
US <sup>3/</sup>	9,143	9,105	41,267	42,271	2.4

<sup>1/</sup> Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. <sup>2/</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves. <sup>3/</sup> May not add due to rounding.

## U.S. Turkey Eggs in Incubators

Turkey eggs in incubators on April 1, 2002, in the United States totaled 32.8 million, down slightly from April 1 a year ago. Eggs in incubators were 1 percent above the March 1 total of 32.6 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, down 6 percent; West North Central, up 9 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 1 percent; South Central, down 7 percent; and West, down 11 percent.

The 25.7 million poults placed during March 2002 in the United States were down 2 percent from the number placed during the same month a year ago. Placements were up 6 percent from the February 2002 total of 24.3 million. Regional changes from the previous year were: East North Central, down 2 percent; West North Central, up 1 percent; North and South Atlantic, down 1 percent; South Central, down 5 percent; and West, down 10 percent.

### Eggs in Incubators: First of Month by Region and United States, April 2002 with Comparisons

Geographic Division	Apr 1 2001	Mar 1 2002	Apr 1 2002	Percent of Previous Year	Percent of Previous Month
	1,000			Percent	
E N Central .....	5,136	4,881	4,834	94	99
W N Central .....	11,197	11,720	12,232	109	104
N & S Atlantic .....	9,739	10,002	9,602	99	96
S Central .....	3,283	2,892	3,037	93	105
West .....	3,528	3,101	3,140	89	101
US .....	32,883	32,596	32,845	100	101

### Poults Placements: Entire Month by Region and United States, March 2002 with Comparisons <sup>1/</sup>

Geographic Division	Mar 2001	Feb 2002	Mar 2002	Percent of Previous Year	Percent of Previous Month
	1,000			Percent	
E N Central .....	3,736	3,557	3,654	98	103
W N Central .....	9,080	8,939	9,192	101	103
N & S Atlantic .....	8,195	7,247	8,086	99	112
S Central .....	2,446	2,496	2,312	95	93
West .....	2,691	2,027	2,416	90	119
US .....	26,148	24,266	25,660	98	106

<sup>1/</sup> Regional placements refer to poults placed from hatcheries located in that region and not the actual location of the birds after placement.

## Manufactured Dairy Products

**UTAH:** **Total cheese** output (excluding cottage cheese) in February 2002, at 4.8 million pounds, was up 6.6 percent from February 2001 and up 3.1 percent from January 2002. **American type cheese** production in February 2002 totaled 1.8 million pounds, 9.1 percent below February 2001 but 7.1 percent above January 2002. **Swiss cheese** production totaled 2.5 million pounds, 36 percent above February 2001 and 0.6 percent above January 2002. **Hard ice cream** production totaled 1.2 million gallons, up 9.0 percent from February 2001 but down 12 percent from January 2002.

**UNITED STATES:** **Total cheese** output (excluding cottage cheese) was 644 million pounds, 1.9 percent above February 2001 but 7.6 percent below January 2002. **American type cheese** production totaled 289 million pounds, 5.1 percent above February 2001 but 8.4 percent below January 2002. **Butter** production was 125 million pounds in February, 13.9 percent above February 2001 but 10.8 percent below January 2002. **Hard ice cream** production totaled 71.0 million gallons, up 5.7 percent from February 2001.

### Manufactured Dairy Production - February 2002 with Comparisons

Product	Utah			United States		
	Feb 2001	Jan <sup>1/</sup> 2002	Feb 2002	Feb 2001	Jan <sup>1/</sup> 2002	Feb 2002
1,000 Pounds						
Total Cheese <sup>2/</sup> .....	4,512	4,665	4,809	632,159	697,560	644,473
American Type Cheese .....	2,028	1,721	1,843	274,753	315,166	288,642
Swiss Cheese .....	1,842	2,500	2,514	18,184	20,442	19,007
Butter .....	<sup>3/</sup>	<sup>3/</sup>	<sup>3/</sup>	110,175	140,687	125,467
Dry Whey, Human .....	<sup>3/</sup>	<sup>3/</sup>	<sup>3/</sup>	84,953	84,573	79,392
1,000 Gallons						
Hard ice cream .....	1,066	1,323	1,162	67,138	70,004	70,961

<sup>1/</sup> Revised. <sup>2/</sup> Excluding cottage cheese. <sup>3/</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.